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DEQ partners with mobile classroom to assist Small Businesses

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Small Business Assistance staff will be presenting a free seminar to business people in Belle Chase and Luling. The presentation will be given at the Louisiana Business and Technology Center's Mobile classroom. The main function of the DEQ Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program is to help businesses and communities understand and comply with complex state and federal regulations. The program also offers assistance with permit applications, identification of emission sources and pollutants, resolution of environmental issues and general guidance for newly permitted facilities.

My Trinh, an environmental chemical specialist with DEQ's Southeast Regional office, will present a seminar called Small Business Environmental Assistance. This seminar will provide information on environmental compliance and how DEQ can help. The mobile classroom will be located at the Belle Chase Auditorium, 8398 LA Hwy 23 in Belle Chase on June 10 and 11. The presentation will be given at 10:30 a.m. on June 11. On June 17 and June 18, the Mobile Classroom will be in Luling at the West Bank Bridge Park and My Trinh will give his presentation at 10:30 a.m. on June 17.

The seminars are free; however, registration is required due to limited seating. To register, call 504-394-0088 or email asheff1@lsu.edu. For more information on the DEQ Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program, go to the DEQ website at http://www.deg.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/85/Default.aspx or call 800-259-2890.